SALTBURN & MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1968 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Public Health Department,
Hall Close,
Marske-by-the-Sea,
Redcar.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1968

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968.

The health of the area is satisfactory and is comparable with that of the country as a whole.

I would draw your attention to the fact that for the first time no case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

I should like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committe for their support throughout the year and also to thank the Council's officers and especially Mr. N. R. Darling for their help and co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. R. BURRELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	4,082
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1968)	16,820
Number of inhabited Houses	5,785
Rateable Value	£549,546
Product of a Penny Rate	£1,990

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

	Male	Female	Total		
LIVE BIRTHS ...	159	173	332	Crude rate per 1,000 population	19.7
Legitimate ...	149	163	312	Area comparability factor ...	0.9
Illegitimate ...	10	10	20	Corrected birth rate	17.7
				Ratio to national rate ...	1.05
STILL BIRTHS					
Legitimate ...	1	3	4	Rate per 1,000 (live and still births)	12
Illegitimate ...	1	—	—		

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	1	Rate for 1,000 live births ...	3
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year of age ...	4	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	0
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year of age ...	1	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	50
Maternal deaths	0	Maternity mortality rate ...	0

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births 6.0

Early neonatal mortality rate — 3.0

Perinatal mortality rate — 1.5

per 1,000 total live and still births.

TABLE II

DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1968

DEATHS (all causes)	Male	84
	Female	77
	Total	161

Crude death rate (per 1,000) ...	9.6
Corrected death rate	11.9
Area comparability factor ...	1.24
Ratio to national rate ...	1.00

Deaths by age groups:

Under 4 weeks	1	35 years — 44 years	4
4 weeks — 1 year	—	45 years — 54 years	20
1 year — 4 years	1	55 years — 64 years	19
5 years — 14 years	1	65 years — 74 years	45
15 years — 24 years	2	75 years and over	65
25 years — 34 years	2		

NOTIFICATIONS

Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid Fever	Meningococcal Infection	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Erysipelas	Measles	Pneumonia	Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Paralytic	Food Poisoning
0.00	6.5	0.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE III

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

		Male	Female	Total
B14	Measles	1	—	1
B19(1)	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
B19(2)	Malignant neoplasm, Lungs Bronchus ...	5	1	6
B19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, Breast	—	4	4
B19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
B19(6)	Other malignant neoplasms	6	9	15
B46(1)	Endocrine diseases	1	—	1
B46(4)	Diseases of nervous system	2	—	2
B26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	1	—	1
B27	Hypersensitive disease	—	1	1
B28	Ischaemic heart disease	28	17	45
B29	Other forms of heart disease	4	8	12
B30	Cerebro-vascular disease	14	11	25
B46(5)	Other diseases of circulatory system ...	—	3	3
B32	Pneumonia	6	6	12
B33(1)	Bronchitis and emphysema	6	2	8
B33(2)	Asthma	1	1	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	3	—	3
B37	Cirrhosis of liver	—	2	2
B46(7)	Other diseases of digestive system ...	—	1	1
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	—	2
B39	Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	—	1
B46(8)	Other diseases of Genito-urinary system ...	—	2	2
B44	Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	1	—	1
B45	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ...	—	4	4
BE47	Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
BE48	All other accidents	1	1	2
BE49	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	—	1	1
Total All Causes	... ...	84	77	161

SALTBURN AND MARSKE

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1968 Population 16,820	1967 Population 15,630	1966 Population 14,720	1965 Population 14,240
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid	0	0	0	0
Measles	216	102	101	247
Whooping Cough ...	0	1	10	21
Meningococcal Infection ...	0	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis ...	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	0	4	2	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS, 1968

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

COMMENTARY

Population

There has been a further rise in the population of the area from 15,630 to 16,820 according to the Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population this is an increase of 1,190 compared with 910 in the previous year and 480 in 1966. The corrected birth rate was 17.7 per thousand population which is very close to the rate for England and Wales. In recent years the birth rate in this urban district has usually been higher than that for England and Wales but has tended to fall in the last two years.

Only one death of a child under the age of one year was recorded in the twelve months as compared with ten in the previous year, which, however, was an exceptionally high figure. The position seems to be satisfactory at the present time. In general the standard of infant care in this district is high although there are a few instances where there is constant concern.

Infectious diseases

Apart from an outbreak of measles in the early part of the year there was only one case of infectious disease notified during the twelve months. This was an isolated case of dysentery, the source of which could not be traced.

It is particularly gratifying to be able to record for the first time that no case of tuberculosis was notified during the year. This disease is of course steadily declining in incidence and it is to be hoped that this welcome trend will continue.

Immunization

Immunization against diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and poliomyelitis is available to all children through the child health clinics, family doctors and school health service. Parents of new babies are invited to sign a consent form for immunization against these diseases and those who do so are then automatically sent appointments at the appropriate time by means of a computer. This has proved highly successful and many parents have expressed their appreciation of the reminders sent out. The acceptance rate is high and it is rare to experience difficulty in persuading parents to accept immunization.

Meals on Wheels

A Meals on Wheels service is provided by the W.R.V.S. in both Saltburn and Marske and the Council make a grant towards the cost of this service. This is a most valuable service which contributes much to the maintenance of the health of those old people who are housebound. Apart from maintaining proper nutrition the service also provides a useful system by which early deterioration in conditions may be detected.

Food Hygiene

The standard of food hygiene in the area is satisfactory on the whole. There have been a few complaints which have been investigated and appropriate action taken.

Water Supply

The water supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity. The whole of the area is supplied with a mains supply system by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Samples taken during the Course of the year were satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	59	64	4
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	6	—
TOTAL	65	70	4

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Insufficient	3	3
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1
TOTAL	7	7

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Monday and Friday at 1-30 p.m. (This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS:

Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2 p.m.

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 9-30 a.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Wednesdays at 10-30 a.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS SESSIONS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Marske Clinic. Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

OPTHALMIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, Hall Close, Marske. By appointment.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS:

The Clinic, 5 Turner Street, Redcar. Second Tuesday in each month at 10-30 a.m. By appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday at 7-00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1968

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certified Meat Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my twenty-second annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

The staff of the department consists of an Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. A. J. Cross, one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections have been made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops, stalls and vehicles for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960. Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1960 and Bye-laws.

During the year, 54 warnings were given in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified as unfit for human consumption:—

Tinned Goods	86 lbs.
Fish	28 lbs.
Frozen Goods	128 lbs.
Total	242 lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

At the beginning of the year there was one licensed slaughterhouse in the district and one hundred per cent meat inspection was carried out following slaughter. During the year 261 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 781 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 2 cwt. 74 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Regulations — No contraventions of the Regulations were found during the year.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or Part:

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	112	—	—	628	41	—
Number Inspected	112	—	—	628	41	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole Carcases Condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	25	—	—	31	1	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	22.32	—	—	4.93	2.44	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole Carcasses Condemned	Nil	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerosis	2	—	—	—	—	—

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

	lbs.
Cirrhosis	40½
Fascioliasis	174½
Pneumonia	8
Ascariasis	3
Parasitic Affection	11½
Brusing	1
Abscesses	39½
Cysticerus Bovis	20
Total	2 cwts. 74 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale of ice-cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Sale of Ice Cream	60
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved Food and Sausage, including Fried Fish Shops	13

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal proceedings were instituted by the Council under Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act which deals with food sold which is unfit for human consumption. The case involved a mince pie containing maggots, and the joint owners of the premises concerned pleaded guilty and were each fined £10 with £2 advocates fee.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Two licences to Slaughter Animals were renewed during the year.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the foreshore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

At the end of 1968 there were 59 factories on the register of the Local Authority. During the year, 16 visits were made to these premises and 5 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspections made during the twelve months under review:

Total Number of Inspections	2,286
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Found ...	579
Total Number of Nuisances and Defects Abated ...	579
Total Number of Informal Notices	127
Total Number of Informal Notices Complied With ...	127
Total Number of Informal Notices Outstanding ...	Nil
Total Number of Statutory Notices	10

LIST OF DEFECTS

Defective Drainage	71
Dirty Yard	2
Smoke Nuisance	6
Defective Eavesgutter	1
Defective Chimney	1
Accumulation of Refuse	3
Absence of Water Supply	0
Nuisances	60
Blocked Drain	6
Damp Walls (Internal)	64
Breach of Tenancy Regulations	2
Absence of Bath in Bathroom	9
Absence of Bathroom	1
Absence of Wash Hand Basin	12
Absence of Hot Water Supply	12
Absence of Water Closet in Dwelling	12
Absence of Ventilated Food Store	7
Dilapidated Structures	8
Defective Water Closet Basin	0
Breach of Food Hygiene Regulations	106
Breach of Factories Act	31
Dangerous Staircase	4
Defective Door	3
Defective Waste Pipe	3
Defective Water Supply Pipe	0
Defective Soil Pipe	1
Defective or Perished Wall Plaster	5
Defective Windows or Window Frames	10
Perished Pointing	5
Lack of Ventilation	2
Defective Roof	16
Defective Rendering	1
Insufficient Water Supply	10
Defective Ceiling	1
Defective Floors	10
Defective Fireplace	3
Defective Downpipe	0
Broken Step	0
Breach of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	79
Breach of Building Byelaws	0
Untidy Garden	12
	579

LICENSED PREMISES

Visits have been made to all licensed premises in the area for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the Local Authority and having accommodation for 533 caravans. There is a small private site which has accommodation for four caravans.

The sites are provided with washing facilities, piped water supply, waste water drainage and water closets.

Two applications were received and granted for permission to station caravans in connection with the fairground at Old Saltburn.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 170, this total being made up of 29 offices, 109 retail shops and 32 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of persons employed at these premises was 649. A total of 101 visits were made by Inspectors to registered premises.

The majority of premises comply with the regulations, the only breaches of the regulations found were of minor items such as thermometers, sufficient first aid boxes and lighting and ventilation to water closets.

ACCIDENTS

During the year three accidents were reported to the Public Health Department, all of which were investigated. One accident was occasioned by hydraulic lifting machinery, one by food slicing machinery and one was a fall. Advice was given and acted upon in all 3 cases and details of the accident concerning a food slicing machine were forwarded to H.M. Factory Inspectorate.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	(5)
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	5373	944	6332	35
2. No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification.	1	170	47	218	1
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	1	83	27	111	1
House Mouse—Minor	—	76	20	96	—
3. No. of Properties inspected in course of Survey under	15	92	59	166	15
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	3	9	2	14	4
House Mouse—Minor	1	7	5	13	1
4. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	110	320	225	655	42
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Sections 2 and 3) treated by Local Authority.	5	174	54	233	2

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Society for Clean Air and the Teesside Clean Air Committee.

Two Deposit Gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-the-Sea in the playing field of the Junior School, Windy Hill Lane, by kind permission of the Secretary for Education and one in the Police Station grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The tables show the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

Two volumetric gauges are in use, one at 30 Vicarage Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea and one at the Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. In addition to smoke readings, sulphur dioxide readings are taken on the machine at Saltburn.

During the year a mobile exhibition organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation was in the area and the attendance was satisfactory.

MARSKE GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.8	5.21	0.52	0.56
February	6.0	7.11	1.97	1.00
March	6.7	13.73	1.58	1.71
April	6.0	1.57	0.77	0.33
May	6.3	7.85	2.06	0.87
June	6.3	3.41	2.91	0.63
July	5.7	2.45	1.42	0.43
August	5.5	1.84	1.36	0.20
September	5.3	1.05	0.65	0.20
October	5.5	2.67	1.04	0.20
November	5.5	3.24	3.70	0.30
December	4.9	4.18	3.26	0.38
Average	5.83	4.53	17.7	5.7

SALTBURN GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	6.0	3.54	1.10	0.53
February	6.3	2.17	2.40	0.53
March	6.5	10.42	1.93	1.37
April	6.4	3.27	0.89	0.57
May	6.5	2.30	2.04	0.38
June	5.5	22.44	2.83	2.44
July	6.3	7.88	2.58	1.47
August	5.0	2.67	1.17	0.38
September	5.5	1.33	1.42	0.25
October	5.3	8.76	1.12	0.98
November	5.7	2.95	3.84	0.70
December	5.3	6.85	4.23	0.95
Average	5.9	6.22	2.13	8.8

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	198	46	112.27
February	295	33	130.
March	242	22	89.39
April	79	4	31.3
May	57	17	35.27
June	63	4	20.3
July	45	3	23.44
August	43	2	16.29
September	84	22	39.36
October	103	8	41.15
November	105	12	54.75
December	158	1	82.53

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
SALTBURN SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	308	27	104.0
February	272	10	103.53
March	178	27	88.19
April	71	4	21.5
May	46	4	22.05
June	71	3	17.62
July	38	4	19.7
August	38	4	15.95
September	130	12	37.05
October	110	10	46.7
November	113	2	41.9
December	241	4	92.9

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
Marske
SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	124	14	59.36
February	143	7	62.15
March	95	15	52.72
April	111	11	50.85
May	69	11	27.07
June	78	8	26.5
July	127	11	33.5
August	61	15	32.06
September	69	12	27.18
October	107	8	41.93
November	161	7	55.92
December	86	11	46.18

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
Saltburn
SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	256	44	97.0
February	235	30	101.59
March	138	42	82.24
April	116	27	61.59
May	70	16	38.16
June	75	10	32.9
July	60	8	29.06
August	57	15	30.80
September	100	9	39.26
October	105	27	58.28
November	161	23	67.0
December	173	35	101.74

WIND RECORDS — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No Rec.
January	29.0	19.0	8.0	33.0	79.0	289.0	199.0	85.0	3.0	0.0
February	55.0	146.0	51.0	48.0	100.0	171.0	88.0	33.0	4.0	0.0
March	51.	22.	.0	21.	87.	318.	161.	83.	1.	0.
April .	47.	172.	31.	58.	79.	204.	73.	37.	13.	6.
May	114.	201.	32.	36.	47.	134.	57.	53.	10.	60.
June	106.	194.	4.	9.	83.	260.	42.	9.	13.	0.
July	195.	223.	1.	2.	15.	103.	32.	52.	92.	29.
August	325.	87.	2.	5.	110.	125.	46.	27.	17.	0.
September	79.	118.	2.	55.	167.	130.	90.	44.	29.	6.
October	28.	31.	7.	35.	224.	337.	58.	13.	11.	0.
November	91.	147.	86.	68.	114.	81.	11.	46.	23.	53.
December	13.	11.	31.	88.	199.	113.	56.	156.	19.	58.
Average	94.4	114.26	21.26	40.9	8.66	18.9	76.0	53.2	19.6	2.2

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences isued under the above Act were renewed during the year. The premises registerd were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1968, 49 Council Houses, 8 Council Flats and 1 Prefab were allocated and 21 applicants for elderly persons' accommodation were rehoused.

During the year, 25 applications were received from tenants for exchanges of Council Houses and 12 exchanges took place. Eight applications were received for permission to take lodgers and all were approved by the Council.

WARDEN SERVICES TO ELDERLY PERSONS' ACCOMMODATION

There are seven Wardens employed by the Council in connection with groups of elderly persons' bungalows and flats. This scheme is worked under the grant aid scheme of the North Riding County Council of up to £30 per head for each person eligible for Warden service. Housing accommodation is provided for every Warden and an intercommunication system is installed in every elderly person's accommodation, so that they have direct contact with the Warden.

This service has proved very satisfactory and the elderly people are very happy with it. The Wardens carry out their work in a very satisfactory manner and have been of great help to the occupants of the accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959, HOUSING ACT 1961 AND HOUSING ACT 1964.

Four applications were received for Discretionary Grants during the year and these were approved by the Council.

THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSING ACT, 1961 AND HOUSING ACT, 1964.

Fifteen applications for Standard Grants were received and approved by the Council during the year. The number of amenities provided was as follows:

Baths	9
Wash-hand Basins	10
Hot Water Supplies	10
Water Closets inside Dwellings ...	14
Ventilated Food Stores	8

The total amount of Grants paid by the Council during 1968 was as follows:—

Discretionary Grants	£2,929 3s. 9d.
Standard Grants	£1,713 3s. 6d.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

One Certificate of Disrepair which remained in force at the end of 1964 still remained in force at the end of 1968.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Houses Completed in 1967:—

(a) Council	12
(b) Other	389

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., for the encouragement and advice he has given me during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
N. R. DARLING,
Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer.